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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication of the allowable subject matter of claim 8 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claim 5 has been amended so as to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the subject matter of its parent claim 1, and to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8 whereby the temperature information to be transmitted from each spherical semiconductor is corrected in accordance with temperature correction information determined for each spherical semiconductor.

In addition, claims 2-4 have been amended to depend from claim 5, and claim 8 has been amended to delete the subject matter thereof which has now been incorporated into claim 5.

Still further, claims 2-8 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to place the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and now new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 5, and amended claims 2-4 and 6-8 depending therefrom, are all in condition for immediate allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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